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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR MESSAGES FROM
PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY MARKING 150TH
ANNIVERSARY OF U.S.- BRAZILIAN RELATIONS

1. WE ARE FAST APPROACHING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE RECOGNITION OF INDEPENDENT BRAZIL ON MAY 26, 1824
BY THE U.S.--THE FIRST COUNTRY TO DO SO. EFFECTIVE
GROUNDWORK LEADING UP TO THIS OCCASION HAS BEEN LAID
BY THE USIS EXHIBIT OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE U.S.
AND BRAZIL IN 1822-24, WHICH FOR OVER A YEAR AND A
HALF HAS BEEN IN THE COURSE OF BEING DISPLAYED IN
USIS POSTS AND BNC'S IN MOST PARTS OF BRAZIL.

2. THE FACT THAT THE U.S. WAS THE FIRST TO RECOGNIZE
BRAZIL WAS NOTED TO GOOD EFFECT BY MRS. NIXON DURING
HER VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT HERE FOR THE INAUGURATION OF
PRESIDENT GEISEL. WE BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE AND
EVEN IMPORTANT THAT, SO SOON AFTER THAT VISIT, THE
USG FOLLOW THROUGH BY MARKING THE ANNIVERSARY ITSELF.
WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT NIXON AND THE
SECRETARY SEND COMMEMORATIVE MESSAGES TO PRESIDENT
GEISEL AND FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA RESPECTIVELY.
SUGGESTED TEXTS FOLLOW:

3. PRESIDENT NIXON TO PRESIDENT GEISEL: IT IS A
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MATTER OF PROFOUND PLEASURE FOR ME TO MARK, BY MEANS

OF THIS MESSAGE AND ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE,
THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RECOGNITION OF BRAZIL
BY THE U.S. PROUD AS WE ARE OF THE ACHIEVEMENT OF
OUR OWN INDEPENDENCE, WE ARE PROUD ALSO OF THE LEAD
WE TOOK AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD IN RECOGNIZING
FORMALLY THE INDEPENDENCE OF OUR FELLOW AMERICAN
STATES. ON THIS OCCASION WE EXTEND TO YOU AND THE
BRAZILIAN PEOPLE OUR SINCERE HOPE THAT THE PAST 150
YEARS OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL SERVE
AS A PROLOGUE TO AN EVER MORE EFFECTIVE ASSOCIATION
IN THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND PROGRESS FOR THE PEOPLES OF
THE WORLD.

4. SECRETARY KISSINGER TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA:
PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF THE
150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. IN THIS ERA OF INCREASING
INTER-DEPENDENCE AMONG NATIONS, IT IS FITTING TO RECALL
THE TIME WHEN OUR TWO NEWLY INDEPENDENT REPUBLICS
EMBARKED UPON THEIR SEPARATE BUT ASSOCIATED DESTINIES.
TRULY INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES, WORKING TOGETHER IN A
SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP, WILL BE BEST ABLE TO ACHIEVE
THE KIND OF COOPERATION SO URGENTLY AND DEEPLY NEEDED
BY THE HEMISPHERE AND THE WORLD.
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